

**Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.**

**Trader Notice: MH 22/2014**

**To: All Meat Industry Operators**

**Subject: Temporary Restrictions on the export of beef offals to  
Russia**

the Department has been advised by the veterinary authorities of the Russian Federation & Customs Union, that it will not be possible to certify beef offals from any approved establishments for export to the Russian Federation & Customs Union after 22 June 2014.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> of June is therefore the last date on which consignments containing beef offals may be certified by official veterinarians, until further notice.

This temporary restriction is based on the preliminary findings of an audit by the Russian authorities in early May 2014. The Department has been engaging with the Russian authorities since the audit and is now preparing a response to these initial findings to inform the content of the final report.

The Department in consultation with meat industry representatives will finalise a response in the coming days.

Meat Hygiene Section

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